

TESTIMONY
OF
JILL TAMASHIRO
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH
ON
APRIL 17, 2015

G.M. 666

Submitting for consideration and confirmation of appointment to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JILL TAMASHIRO, for a second term to expire June 30, 2019.

Chair Green and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for a second term of service to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council. It is an honor to participate in processes that contribute to the overall planning of our State's health systems.

Serving on the Council this past term has been both educational and rewarding. Learning from experts on key health issues that affect Hawaii and interacting with knowledgeable individuals in the community has enriched my growth as a public health professional. Discussions about important health concerns and solutions have also been stimulating and inspiring.

As noted in my previous testimony for initial appointment to this Council, I believe the culmination of academic, employment, and personal experiences I have had qualify me to continue participation. I lived the majority of my life in Pearl City and have an eyewitness perspective on the health and community needs of West Oahu. My personal belief in public service and advanced training in public health further motivates

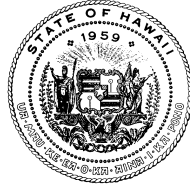
me to contribute to the creation of plans that affect this region of the State.

Additionally, although my most recent work investments have been made in government agencies and non-profit health organizations, my undergraduate training and early employment experience in occupational therapy have increased my understanding of corporate health care industries. Accordingly, I generally try to maintain a balanced outlook when problem-solving broad issues.

My strong belief in community service, academic background in public health, employment in corporate, government, and non-profit health settings, and my upbringing in West Oahu, qualify me to participate in this council.

Going forward, I hope to continue to build relationships with other members of the Council and contribute thoughts and ideas that may move progress toward broad community health goals.

Thank you for this opportunity to be considered for a second term of service to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.



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Senate Committee on Health

GM 666, Gubernatorial Nominee to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council

Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Friday, April 17, 2015
1:15 p.m.

Department's Position: The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Jill Tamashiro to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WOSAC).

Fiscal Implications: None

Purpose and Justification: The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation for a second term of the WOSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Jill Tamashiro, MPH.

Ms. Tamashiro is a Public Health Educator with the Hawaii Department of Health's Tobacco Prevention and Education Program. Prior to this, she served as an Early Intervention Program Coordinator at the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, Education Specialist at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and on-call Occupational Therapist at the Queen's Medical Center and SunDance Rehabilitation.

Ms. Tamashiro has completed one term as member on the WOSAC. She also served as Vice-Chair of WOSAC.

We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Jill Tamashiro to serve a second term on the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.



To: The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members, Senate Committee on Health
From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director
Date: April 15, 2015
Hrg: Senate Committee on Health; Friday, April 17, 2015 at 1:15 PM in Rm 414
Re: Strong Support for GM 666

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **strong support of GM 666**, nominating Jill Tamashiro to the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea, for a term to expire on 6-30-2019.

The Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) supports and promotes policy efforts to create a healthy Hawai'i through partnerships with government, academia, foundations, businesses and community-based organizations. HIPHI fulfills its mission to improve health and quality of life in Hawai'i by providing issue-based advocacy, health promotion and education, technical assistance and other capacity building services.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with Ms. Tamashiro in her capacity as the Secondhand Smoke Coordinator at the Hawai'i Department of Health's Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP). As the Secondhand Smoke Coordinator, Ms. Tamashiro works to promote tobacco-free living by working with partners in the community. She works with the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i, a program of HIPHI, on a number of issues ranging from smoke-free housing to tobacco-free parks and beaches.

Ms. Tamashiro is also the current Secretary of the Hawaii Public Health Association (HPHA). She is very active with HPHA and has been a member since 2009. Ms. Tamashiro is a tireless advocate for the health of the people of Hawai'i and demonstrates strong communication skills and work ethic. I believe the Health Planning Council will be able to greatly benefit from her public health knowledge and skills.

The Hawai'i Public Health Institute asks the committee to support the nomination of Ms. Jill Tamashiro for a second term to the Health Planning Council West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

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Jessica Yamauchi, MA
Executive Director

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VIRGINIA PRESSLER, M.D.
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April 13, 2015

Senator Josh Green, M.D.
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
Senatorial District 3
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Support Jill Tamashiro (GM# 666) for WOSAC, Hearing: 4/17/15, 1:15 p.m.

Dear Chair Green and Members of the Committee:

I am the Program Manager for the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP), and am writing to support the Senate confirmation of **Jill Tamashiro's** appointment for a second term to the **West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WOSAC)**.

Since May 2012, Ms. Tamashiro has been an instrumental contributor to the TPEP team. She serves the people of Hawai'i as the Program's Secondhand Smoke Coordinator. Her role at the Department is to promote tobacco-free living by providing education to community partners and the general public. Through her collaborative work in smoke-free housing initiatives as well as tobacco-free parks, beaches, bus stops, and other indoor and outdoor spaces, Ms. Tamashiro has increased the Program's capacity to facilitate social norm changes in decreasing the social acceptability of smoking.

Ms. Tamashiro demonstrates strong proficiency in communication, and takes initiative to assist the TPEP with grant writing, reporting, planning, and other outreach and capacity building efforts. She continues to seek out new partnerships to move our programs forward and continues to take on opportunities to increase her knowledge base and skill sets.

As Ms. Tamashiro is a valuable member to the TPEP team, I am confident she will continue to make great contributions to the WOSAC. I enthusiastically support her confirmation for a second term.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

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Lila Johnson, R.N., M.P.H., CHES
Program Manager
Tobacco Prevention and Education Program